

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2008

1. Call to Order.

Chair Alfano called the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Attending:

Michael Barnes, Cathy Baylock, Juda Tolmasoff, Robert Cronin, Karyl Matsumoto, Randy Royce (for Matt Grocott), Mike Harding, Ken Ibarra, Judi Mosqueda, Naomi Patridge, Mark Meadows and Cory Roay.

Staff/Guests Attending:

Tom Madalena, Sandy Wong, John Hoang, Diana Shu, Pat Giorni, Steve Vanderlip, Al Meckler, Caryl Gay, Didrik Hoag, Andrew Wong

2. Public Comment On Items Not On The Agenda.

Pat Giorni (Burlingame) commented that a signage project for the North South Route was sent in to staff as public comment. Two projects that are for signage have been submitted for the current TDA Article 3 Call for Projects.

Steve Vanderlip from Peninsula Committee of the Bike Coalition commented that the goal is to get signage.

3. Minutes of the January 24, 2008 Meeting.

Motion: Member Patridge moved/Member Matsumoto seconded approval of the January 24, 2008 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. TDA Article 3 FY 2008-09 project applications (Revised)

John Hoang from C/CAG staff presented this item. There were 21 applications received. Staff completed a cursory review of the applications. Approximately \$1,200,000 has been requested. There is \$600,000 available for the current cycle. Staff asks the BPAC tonight to go over the projects and help determine the route and locations to visit. Saturday February 23rd was established as the date for the field trip. February 28th is the date for the presentations and the next BPAC meeting. The March BPAC meeting stays on the 27th. John requested for the BPAC to report back to Tom Madalena in two weeks as to which projects BPAC members would like to visit for the field trip.

5. Selection of a consultant for the San Mateo County Bicycle Transportation Map

Chair Alfano – Maps were reviewed and voted on at the subcommittee meeting. At the time of voting we were told not to be concerned with cost.

Diana Shu from C/CAG staff presented this item. The Bike Map Subcommittee ranked the proposals in order after scoring them. Bikemaps and Reineck and Reineck scored the highest. Staff completed reference checks and attempted to solicit more competitive bids. References came back and they all checked out well. Eureka was removed from consideration based on the issue with ownership of the rights. The Eureka cost was also too flexible and not definite.

The recommendation from the Bike Map Subcommittee was for the Bikemaps company. Reineck and Reineck was the other option. Reineck and Reineck is a local company and they have rights to the maps for both surrounding counties (San Francisco and Santa Clara).

Member Meadows – In terms of the RFP are we constrained by cost?

Diana Shu – We could go with either consultant of the two consultants.

Member Harding commented that he prefers Reineck and Reineck but Bikemaps was also good. He would be happy with either one, but his preference is Reineck and Reineck.

Member Cronin likes Bikemaps and felt that the Reineck and Reineck maps were more difficult to read.

Chair Alfano – Felt that the high contrast and font was better with Bikemaps. He also felt that Reineck and Reineck should have known that the County line ended at Menlo Park instead of Redwood City. **(Chair Alfano clarified a change to this comment after the meeting was adjourned.)

Randy Royce – Matt Grocott's preference was Bikemaps.

Member Ibarra – The maps are very different based on the difference in the size of the geography of the areas.

Member Barnes – Did you compare the maps at the same scale?

Chair Alfano – We compared what we had and not all the scales were comparable.

Chair Alfano – We need to decide how we are going to commit staff for the detail of color and font.

Member Mosqueda – Can't we ask the consultant to increase the contrast? If you want to have it bolder maybe we should go with the Bikemaps since they already do the maps in bold.

Member Harding – One of the specifications is to have the chevrons.

Member Barnes had a hard time comparing them based on the scale issue. He would like to see

both vendors at the same scale to compare.

Member Meadows – Likes the clarity of the Bikemaps example. He feels that the difference in price is worth it.

Member Roay – Especially when you compare the routes with many turns you need the street names for all streets.

Member Ibarra – All street names will not be necessary.

Member Baylock – Stated that cost is not an issue and defers to the recommendation of the Bike Map Subcommittee.

Member Meadows motioned to accept the Bike Map Subcommittee recommendation.

Member Barnes seconded the motion with the stipulation that we get the most street names. We need to see examples that show us the scale with the street names.

Member Patridge - We need to be careful to get what we want.

Chair Alfano proposed an amendment to the first motion which was to accept the recommendation of the Bike Map Subcommittee but require written confirmation from Bikemaps that they intend to provide us with all of the street names. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy Royce – Paper maps are excellent but with technology can we move forward with having the maps electronically, perhaps on Google maps?

6. Nominations for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Vice Chair.

Tom Madalena from C/CAG staff presented this item. As a result of the departure of Maureen Brooks there is a vacancy for the Vice Chair position on the BPAC.

Member Barnes – It seems that there is tradition to have a public member as the Vice Chair.

Chair Alfano nominated Member Grocott.

Member Barnes likes having a member of public as the Vice Chair.

Member Baylock also likes having a public member.

Chair Alfano would like to get a reading from Rich Napier as to the public versus elected issue with the Vice Chair position.

Member Ibarra nominated Member Harding.

BPAC members have until February 19th to submit nominations to Tom Madalena. Members will then vote at the next meeting to select a new Vice Chair from those nominated.

7. Member Communications

Member Matsumoto – We have formed a real BPAC in South San Francisco and would like to get a recommendation from the C/CAG BPAC. Do you know of a city that has a good bike plan in their General Plan?

Member Baylock – Ours was amended into the Burlingame General Plan. You may want to speak to Maureen Brooks.

Member Mosqueda – San Francisco has one.

Chair Alfano - It is recommended to have the members of the community engaged in the process.

Chair Alfano – Ask members of public to let us know if any good bike plans?

Member Cronin – Palo Alto has a pretty good plan.

Pat Giorni (resident of Burlingame) - Redwood City put out a call to the public for input.

Chair Alfano – Would like to open the discussion to have alternates. He believes the advantage of having alternates is that the alternates have to attend the meetings and are then engaged and aware of the issues.

Member Ibarra – Would not have a problem with having alternates.

Chair Alfano - Would like to have a pool of individuals that are up to date in the issues.

Member Matsumoto – We could place this on the agenda at the next meeting. Then she could support a recommendation if the BPAC desires. She would be happy to bring that recommendation to the C/CAG Board of Directors.

Member Baylock- We should look at term limits. Concerned that knowledge is lost as members depart.

Member Matsumoto – Looked at the Bylaws and maybe we should look at 8 years for the term limits. We need to look at the Bylaws.

Chair Alfano – Can we see the Bylaws at the next meeting?

Member Patridge – Does not believe in term limits and cannot see why we need to have term limits for a public member. It is ludicrous to have term limits for public members that are committed.

Member Baylock – Would like to look at term limits as a future agenda item.

Member Matsumoto – We need to interview the applicants at the BPAC level and then have a recommendation for the Board.

Member Baylock – Maybe we can look at the Bylaws and review them.

Member Matsumoto – We should look at the Bylaws periodically.

Member Harding – Would like to place an item on the agenda to discuss countywide signage starting with the North/South Route and with the intent of somehow coming up with a standard that the cities can refer to.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.